

UN attention on NE farmers



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The brimful worries of north eastern region's farming [community](#) seem to have struck [UN](#) attention when B Thomas from Liberation, a London-based human [rights](#) organization addressed the 34th session of [UN](#) Human [Rights](#) Council for the princely north eastern [state](#) on the issue of Right to Food in Geneva on Thursday.

He said the enforcement of the Armed Forces Special Power [Act](#) 1958 has been affecting the farmers who keep producing food the feed the millions of the people in the [state](#) and abroad. But, he said, 97 farmers were killed during army's counter insurgency operation [against ULFA](#) rebels under the draconian law.

He said farmers were killed after ruthless torture and hectors of cropland were damaged in the army operation. Same it is in the case of [Manipur](#) where in 2009, an army crackdown at Lokatak Lake disallowed 3052 [fishing](#) folks from earning the livelihood.

"People were starving due to the military operation without declaring [war](#) in [Manipur](#) under [AFSPA](#). There are operation name with military code name Sontal Sontal-II, Operation Blue [Bird](#), Operation Stingier etc. We have several cases. Many villagers are restricted to go to their paddy filed by the Amy check points in [Manipur](#). If require we can submit the detail report to the Council," he said.

He urged the global platform of the Human Right Council and Special Rapporteur to communicate to the authorities to [stop](#) on the harassment farming lots.

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